AN EPITAPH ON Mr. JOHN SMITH, alias ASHBURNHAM,

Who having been an Eminent and moſt Notorious *Robber* on the High-way was Executed on the 26*th* of this preſent *May*, 1684. for Murder committed on the Road; and hangs now on *Samford Hill* in Chains.

HEre Un-interr'd ſuſpends that High-way Man
Sur-named *Smith*, Nick-named *Aſhburnham*:
Who for his Ill Deeds, and Notorious,
Is in Chains thus truſſed up before us.
Juſtice and *Law* Ordained him to be
So ſad an Object of *Mortality*:
There to remain, a Terrour to affright
All wicked Men that do in Sins delight.
As that of *Murder*, *Rapine*, *Robery*,
Luſt, *uncleanneſs*, and of *Adultery*,
Riot, *Drunkenneſs*, and of *Gluttony*:
Abuſe of *Plenty*, full Carouſing *Bowls*,
Prizing the Life of *Senſe* above their *Souls*.
This is the Reaſon, and the Cauſe that they
May Warning take, and not in the High-way
Be Hang'd in *Chains*, as he doth to the *Shame*
And *Diſgrace* of's *Family* and *Name*.
But yet his Body is Intomb'd in *Air*,
Arch'd over with *Twenty thouſand fair*
And *Glorious ſhining Stars*; and I have
Faith enough to believe, that 'though a *Grave*
Be wanting to's *Body*, yet's *Soul* may be
Truly Happy to all *Eternity*.
For as his *Sins* were very great and many,
So his *Repentance* ſcarce out-done by any.

Felix quem faciunt aliena pericula cautum.

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